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 LAYER OF A WALL OR CEILING
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Kindly enter the following Preliminary Amendment in the
 above-identified application:

In the Claims:

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Please amend the Claims to read as follows (a copy of the amended claims showing the additions and deletions appears at the end for the Examiner's convenience):

7. A device according to claim 4, wherein the pressurized air feed chamber in the device is arranged at the top and the collecting chamber at the bottom.

12. A device according to claim 7, wherein the collecting chamber is sealed with respect to the surroundings in an air-permeable manner.

Please add the following new claims 19 and 20:

19. A device according to claim 5, wherein the pressurized air feed chamber in the device is arranged at the top and the collecting chamber at the bottom.

20. A device according to claim 8, wherein the collecting chamber is sealed with respect to the surroundings in an air-permeable manner.

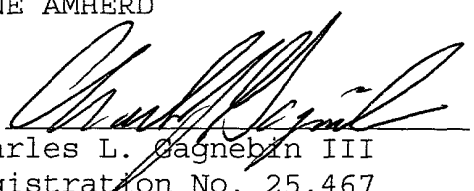
REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment puts the claims into proper form for examination. Note that claims 7 and 12 have been amended; new claims 19 and 20 have been added; and claims 1-6, 8-11, and 13-18 remain unchanged. Kindly calculate the filing fee based on the amended claims.

The Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned attorney to discuss any matter which would expedite allowance of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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Red-lined claims for the Examiner's convenience:

7. A device according to claim 4 ~~or 5~~, wherein the pressurized air feed chamber in the device is arranged at the top and the collecting chamber at the bottom.

12. A device according to claim 7 ~~or 8~~, wherein the collecting chamber is sealed with respect to the surroundings in an air-permeable manner.